



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/470,163  
Applicants : David M. Putzolu  
Filed : December 22, 1999  
TC/A.U. : 2141  
Examiner : Quang Nguyen

Confirmation No. 5845

Docket No. : 042390.P7777  
Customer No. : 008791

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313 on.

11/7/05

Date of Deposit

Michelle L Evans

Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

Michelle L Evans

Signature

Date

**Mail Stop: RCE**  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 6, 2005, the applicant files an RCE and respectfully requests reconsideration of the patent application in light of this preliminary amendment and following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.